Five Trees Will Save a Soldier's Life. Will You Cut Your Quota Today?
Boy Scouts

Hope Star

THE WEATHER
Arkansas: Cloudy and warmer today, tonight and Sunday; rain tonight and Sunday and in west and south portions today.

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Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

—ALEX. H. WASHBURN—

AMG Goes to Work in Italy

A dispatch from Naples this morning says that the Allied Military Government opened the new year with an order purging all Fascists from civil government in that part of Italy which we now hold.

So we are getting an exact line on the duties for which AMG was set up: To install in occupied territories a civil government to meet the wishes of the natives and at the same time conform more or less to democratic notions.

To state the aims and objects of AGM is much easier, however, then to carry them into execution.

We have back here in America some highly vocal theorists who criticized our military leaders abroad and the national administration at home for bargaining with enemy adherents (as when we made a deal with the Vichy French to get our men ashore in North Africa) and for leaving some of the old dictatorship class in public office for a time even after we had occupied the country (as in southern Italy).

In this connection one paragraph from today's Naples dispatch is interesting. The story said:

"Heretofore AMG officials explained they have been eliminating known Fascists on an individual basis in order to avoid a complete dislocation of the Italian administrative machinery behind the Fifth Army lines."

Obviously the American-British army men, with the Germans in front of them, have no time to investigate the thousand angles of Italian domestic politics. That's a job for trained civil administrators, which the AMG is furnishing; and a job that takes time—which we are only now getting around to.

The Fascist big shots were kicked out at once, of course—but the party rank and file presents a problem for thousands of invsetigators.

It is a task no American relishes. Ours is not the business to formulate the permanent government of Italy—or any other country. All that AMG proposes to do is to lend a hand in forming such a temporary government as will hold the civilian population together and will guarantee that enemy agents are not aided behind our backs.

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Greetings, 1944

By S. BURTON HEATH

The nice thing about any New Year is that it provides us with a good excuse to turn over a new leaf. We seldom do—or, when we do, we quickly spoil the new leaf. But that is our own fault. We have the opportunity, we have the incentive, we have the reminder. The rest is up to us.

Here comes New Year, 1944. It can be a pretty fine year. It is the year in which we hope to knock out Hitler and, more important, the Nazism for which he stands. It is the year in which we hope to get our steam roller rolling in the Pacific against the Japs.

Already, almost imperceptibly, we have reached a virtual peak in war production, and in certain lines have attained actual or immediately prospective surpluses in raw materials. Before 1944 is ended some of those surpluses may begin turning into the more essential civilian items.

In 1943 coffee rationing was ended, sugar rationing lightened, and we reached the probable depths of maladministration of food shortages, so that for 1944 we can hope expectantly for something better.

A lot of other bright prospects could be enumerated. They all are things which should contribute to making the New Year a better year.

On the other hand, the worst of the fighting in Europe and the Pacific lies ahead. Tens of thousands of our young men are going to die, and many times that number will be wounded, in 1944, to protect the blessings we have and those to which we look forward.

Those who have died and those who will die — and equally, those who risk death to at least as good a country as they left to go to war. It is our responsibility to protect their rights in that respect.

Are we going to sit back, and leave it to the men in uniform to make 1944 a better year for us? Or are we going to turn over that new leaf here at home, and do something to make 1944 a better year for the men in uniform?

Well, for better or for worse, here comes the new year.

Greetings, young fellow. You're very welcome.

Hill Doesn't Wear Out

Knoxville, Tenn. —(AP) —Henry Linebaugh's home is under a big hill. That was all right until the war created a shortage of automobile parts. Now Linebaugh, whose "low" gear wore out, must back up that hill for half a mile in order to get home.

Tito's Partisans Pressing Drive Against Germans

London, Jan. 1 — (AP) — Yugoslav Partisans are pressing their offensives in Hercegovina, Montenegro and the Sanjak province of Bosnia, an Army of Liberation communique said today, and heavy fighting continued in East Bosnia.

The broadcast communique said the Germans occupied "new defensive positions" in the Livno-Duvno sector of Bosnia, where bitter fighting has been reported for the past week.

A partisan force occupied Ljubinje in Hercegovina and defeated a German-Chetnik detachment near Badar, the bulletin said, while in Srbia other guerrilla units were reported to have beaten a brigade of Chetniks.

Solvenian units captured Bel killing many German soldiers, the bulletin added. Operations against railways were reported to be increasing throughout the country, especially in Vojvodina and Croatia.

A German broadcast declared partisan activity in Bosnia and the adjacent areas of Montenegro and Albania "has been thoroughly liquidated."

"Since the begining of December," the German news agency DNB asserted, "37,790 partisans have been killed and 49,659 captured. During December alone 2,926 were killed and 22,696 captured in the area between Sarajvo and th frontier districts of Montenegro and Albania.

The booty taken during these four months amounts to 400 guns, about 60 tanks," the broadcast said.

The Yugoslav government-in-exile which has opposed Marshal Josip Broz's movement, said yesterday that the losses inflicted by the Germans on the army of liberation had been irreparable and that 14,000 guerrillas had been isolated in the Dinara alps.

More Pork, Less Beef for Civilians

Washington, Jan. —(UP)— The War Food Administration announced today that it had allocated 17,000,00,000 pounds of meat for over-all civilian consumption during 1944.

WFA officials estimated that this amount would provide an allowance of 132 pounds per person.

Agency officials said, however, that although the total amount would be approximately the same as 1943, civilian meat supplies would consist of more pork and less beef.

Keeping Up With Ration Coupons

Processed and Canned Foods:

December 1 — First day for green stamps D, E and F in Ration Book 4.

January 20 — Last day for green stamps D, E and F in Ration Book 4.

Meat, Cheese, Butter and Fats:

December 19 — First day for brown stamp Q in Book 3.

December 26 — First day for brown stamp R in Book 3.

January 1—Last day for brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q in Book 3.

January 2—First day for brown stamp S in Book 3.

Shoes:

June 16 — First day for stamp 18, Book 1. Valid when used.

November 1—First day for Airplane stamp 1, Book 3. Valid when used.

Sugar:

November 1 — First day for sugar stamp No. 29 in Ration Book 4. Good for five pounds.

January 15 — Last day for sugar stamp No. 29, Book 4.

Gasoline:

November 22 — First day for No. 9 coupons in A ration book, good for three gallons; B1 and C1 coupons are good for two gallons each.

January 21 — Last day for No. 9 coupons in A Ration Book.

Indians to Italy

Maj.-Gen Kenyon A Joyce, 63, above, named chief of an Allied Control Commission in Italy by General Eisenhower, started soldiering as an enlisted private in the Spanish-American War. A native of New York, he participated in the last U S battles against Indians in 1906

Yanks Again Hit Targets Near Paris

London, Jan. 1 — (AP) — American Flying Fortresses and Liberators struck at two important Nazi ballbearing plants near Paris and two airfields in France yesterday, while other Allied aircraft were pouring a deluge of bombs on the French invasion coast, and 29 bombers and three fighters were lost, an official announcement said today.

Identifying the targets of the Fortresses and Liberators for the first time, an air ministry and Uinted States army communique said large formations hit the ballbearing factories at Ivry and Bois De Colombes near Paris and the airfields at Chateau Bernard and St. Jean D'Angely near Cognac on the west coast of France.

While losing 29 of their number and three fighters, the Fortress and Liberator gunners shot down 17 enemy aircraft and their accompanying fighters shot down 11 more of the enemy, the communique said.

In coordinated operations, American Marauder and Allied medium, light and fighter bombers — making up a total daylight force of perhaps 1,000 planes engaged in a year-end smash at Nazi objectives — lost not a single plane, another communique sain.

A German communique said the "population suffered heavy casualties, especially in some parts of Paris" as a result of the Allied blows, but claimed only 19 Allied aircraft were shot down.

Cross-channel aerial activity ushering in the New Year continued today with a steady procession of fighters and fighter-bombers heading toward the continent during the morning. But the activity was on considerably smaller scale than in the preceding 48 hour period when perhaps 3,500 Allied planes invaded Adolf Hitler's roofless continent.

Earlier reports had said the Fortresses and Liberators hitting at Paris shot down six German fighters for a loss of one of their own number.

Enrollment Survey of State Public Schools

Little Rock, Jan. 1 — (AP) — The State Education Department will conduct a survey this month of comparative enrollments in all Arkansas school districts the past two years to determine population gains and losses in various sections, Commossioner Ralph B. Jones announced today.

Jones said the survey was prompted by letters from seven county boards of education requesting that the department abandon its 1944 biennial enumeration scheduled next March and freeze the distribution of common school funds at the present figure.

The county boards said they feared that many rural districts where families have moved away to take war jobs, would suffer sharp reductions in money. The petitions have been received from Pope, Sevier, Grant, Crawford, Clark, Van Buren and Garland counties, Jones said. The Drew county board of education formally objected to the proposed spree.

"The survey should reveal conditions to such an extent that we will have a better picture of the situation," Jones declared.

However, he added, the enrollment check will not reveal the entire picture, because, he said, many 17 and 18-year-olds who normally would be in school now are holding down jobs.

Says Rail, Steel Strike May Have Prolonged War

—Washington

By TOM REEDY

Washington, Jan. 1 (AP)—A stunning statement that the recent rail-steel labor troubles may have unduly prolonged the European war hit the nation with sledgehammer force today, brought immediate protests of innocence from union men and inspired harsh words about the White House handling of threatened strikes.

The torrent of reaction was unleashed by a declaration of a person high not only in the United States councils but in those of the United Nations. He said:

1—The Axis has taken the rail and steel situations and plugged them through propaganda channels in an effort to show conditions here are in a state of chaos.

2—The net effect has been to stiffen resistance of the Axis Allies and perhaps delay revolts in subjugated countries this winter—uprisings which could have spelled swift collapse of Hitler's house of cards.

3—The whole thing has been a "great tragedy."

The statements referred to the rail strike call, averted when the government sized the carriers, and the threatened steel walkout which dissolved into orderly arbitration at the last minute.

They were made by such an important figure that they could not be ignored, even though his name could not be used.

From the unions came these prompt retorts:

Rails—D. B. Robertson of the firemen, H. W. Fraser of the conductors and T. C. Cashen of the switchmen: "had the administration permitted this case to have taken its orderly course in all probability a satisfactory settlement could have been worked out. If this situation has had any effect upon the war or offers any psychological comfort to Hitler the labor unions are not responsible."

Steel-an unnamed offical of the United Steel Workers of America "this is a filthy propaganda story designed to arouse the American people against labor unions despite their amaing producton records. It is the type of propaganda we might expect an American Goebbels to disseminate."

From two Democratic congressmen came these comments:

Rep. Smith (Va) co-author of the law designed to prevent war-time strikes in war industries: "I can well see how it has been encouraging to the Axis countries and discouraging to the United Nations. I think something ought to be done to stop it. And we (Congress) could stop it in a hurry if the president gave the word."

Rep. Manasco (Ala): "The president said we didn't need any new legislation on labor when he vetoed the Smith-Conally Act. Congress did everything it could against all possible pressure. The next move is up to the president."

An Office of War Information official said the German home radio stations had made some reference to the strike threats but had not played them heavily. On Dec. 29, he added, one German home broadcast by Dr. Josef Saal spoke of deep unrest in Britain and the U.S., particularly here where "domestic events during the past few days are the best proof that the utmost efforts are needed to placate the rebellious masses."

The high authority, expanding on the blunt conclusions about the propaganda value, said the subjugated countries are reported hesitating again to start the wild resisatnce counted on as a big factor in the overthrow of German domination of the continent. This means the war could be extended months longer and the Allies may have to battle through the summer at a cost of scores of thousands of casualties.

The Reich is pointing out, it was added, that the European satellites have everything to gain by hanging on a little longer in the expectation of a peace more liberal than the "unconditional surrender dictum.

Summing up, he said, the point is that any delay in the European internal explosion is a delay on the victory time-table for the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the rail situation still contained some explosive possibilities despite the iron hand of the Army in the operation of the carriers.

Leaders of the non-operating unions, 1,100,000 strong, blamed War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes for their failure to get a satisfactory settlement at the White House conferences.

They said in a statement that Byrnes opposed President Roose-

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Twice 'Dead'

Arthur Lance, above, of East Chicago, Ind., has twice been "dead," but, as seen above, is still lively enough to work in a war plant—on the "graveyard" shift, of course In an auto wreck eight years ago, he was taken to a morgue, as dead, but when attendants prepared to embalm him, he snapped out of it. Recently he collapsed after eating canned pickled herring. An inhalator rescue squad believed him dead, but his wife persuaded them to continue working and sure enough, he came to.

Gala Festival Is Held in Philadelphia

By JACK SMITH

Philadelphia, Jan. 1 — (AP) — Prancing, dancing, satin-clad masqueraders cake-walked down Broad street again today in Philadelphia's annual New Year's Day parade — last great fun festival in the world at war.

Carrying on at the urgent plea of former Mummers now marching on the battlefronts, 8000 4-F's pre-Pearl Harbor fathers and gray-haired grandfathers, once retired from the pageantry, brought out spangled finery and ornate floats once more to parade past nearly one million spectators who lined the curbs along five miles of the city's main thoroughfare.

Their spungled satins — irreplacable in war time — were frayed and threadbare and hundreds cavorted in costumes made of cheaper materials but all marched as usual — fast stepping string bands, grotesquely clad comics, fancy costumed clubs, coy feminine impersonators — in this war time renewal of a holiday tradition that has its roots in the New Year's Day revelry of Philadelphia's colonial days.

Like the New Orleans Mardi Grass and the colorful carnivals of old France the pageantry was once called off for the duration, but hundreds of former Mummers now in the service protested in letters home. The Mummer Association scheduled the parade — on a lesser scale and for a side street and again service men objected. Then the association reconsidered, Mummers began the many-month job of preparing costumes and floats, the city council voted $20,000 for prizes and the association set the pageantry for today.

The parade took five hours to pass the city hall reviewing stands crowded with honored guests, wounded veterans of battles in North Africa and Italy.

War set the pattern of the fun making and floats which lampooned Hitler, Emperor Hirohito and other Axis leaders.

Historians traced the beginning of the spectacle to New Year's Eves in revolutionary days when convivial gentlemen toting guns, wearing masks and reciting verses roamed the streets serenading well to do citizens. The "shooters" entered homes wined and dined — and finished the day in taverns.

After the war of 1912 Mummers began wearing white cloaks and high silk hats as New Year's Eve costumes — a custom which gave birth to the elaborate garments worn today.

Later in the 19th century, the merrymakers organized into clubs for New Years revelry. About 1900 the city organized the clubs for a single large parade and thus the pageantry began.

About 6,000 tons of steel and 30 million board feet of lumber will be saved in a year by the reduction of types and the re-use of old wooden containers for shipping fresh fruits and vegetables.

Americans Seize Three Heights on Cassino Highway

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 1 —(AP)— American troops of the Fifth Army seized three heights overlooking the Cassino highway, the most important road to Rome, and the Eighth Army is picking its way through minefields at a mile-a-day pace up the Adriatic coast toward Pescara on the eastern route, Allied headquarters announcements said today.

British troops, back from a hit and run raid behind the German line north of the Garigliano river mouth on the western end of the battle front reported they mopped up a number of Nazi troops, took prisoners and destroyed an important railway and highway bridge.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's 15th army group headquarters withheld further details of this raid of Wednesday night, however. The destroyed bridge, it was said blocked the line of German retreat to the Appian way about a quarter of a mile north of the river.

The American advance in the rough mountains placed them two miles southwest of Vinticuso in the westward push toward Cassino.

Fierce machine-gun fire covering strong German positions held the Eighth Army Canadians to a slow pace as they advanced from a point three miles north of Ortona an about eight miles from Cassino to threaten Rome from the east.

The Germans' desperate delaying tactics were further demonstrated at San Tommsao, two miles west of Ortona where Allied troops had to fight through terrific fire from 88 millimeter guns to regain a height they previously had seized and then lost.

Bad weather yesterday limited Allied air forces to a few attacks on locomotives motor-truck convoys, supply trains and gun positions in the battle area. Three Allied planes were missing from the attacks in which one locomotive and seven motor vehicles were destroyed by strafing and German positions bombed at Forhia, Minturno and on the road north of Guardiagrele in the eastern sector.

Jalopy Era Arrives For American Roads

Toledo —(AP)— The average age of light passenger automobiles in the United States now is seven years.

That is the report of Willys-Overland Motors, which pointed out that no new civilian cars have been produced since Pearl Harbor.

Most popular models, said the company, were those from 1937 to 1941, while only three out of every 100 cars were 1942 models.

Auto Tag Deadline Reset to January 30

Little Rock, Jan. 1 —(AP)— Arkansas motorists will have 30 more days to buy 1944 automobile license tags without a penalty.

Amending an earlier verbal announcement of a 15 day extension, Governor Adkins issued a proclamation last night extending the buying deadline from last midnight to midnight Jan. 30.

The extension was for the marimum time under Arkansas' license law. Adkins' proclamation said the influenze epidemic and manpower shortage had made license sales during the regular November-December period unusually slow.

Skeleton staffs were maintained in state and county seat revenue offices today to accomodate motorists.

Gayety Almost As Usual on New Years Eve

By the Associated Press

The nation cast off its war woes for a few hours last night to welcome in the New Year.

Sparse supplies of liquor were stretched through the throngs and, with the added promise of victory in 1944, the result was gayety almost as usual.

New York had its light back for the first New Year's celebration since the submarine menace plunged the city into gloom, and 900,000 persons (police estimate) thronged Times Square to yell and toot horns.

In better known New York night clubs customers paid $1 apiece for all drinks, hard or soft, and persons wishing to drink at a table were charged minimums averaging $10 for the evening. Those reserving tables at the Fensgate hotel in Boston had to buy a $5,000 war bond.

At 2 a. m., New York's Bellvue hospital reported that of 40 alcoholics brought in, none showed signed of having had adulterated or poisonous liquor.

In Buffalo, N. Y., a group of social agencies experimented with a liquorless night club for teen-age boys and girls and pronounced it a "noisy success."

There were additional noise-makers, soft lights, music and fancy decorations, but the drinks were soda waters, ginger and ice cream soda and 700 boys and girls reported having a swell time. As many more tried unsuccessfully to gain admission to the club.

Couples who had reservations at Chicago's colony club suffered disappointment. While bartenders were getting ready for a rushing New Year's Eve business, federal agents closed the club for alleged non-payment of social security taxes.

The Adaman club of Colorado Springs, Colo., which derives its

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Spanish Main Buccaneers Were Pikers Compared to Children Along the Waterfront of Bari

By HAL BOLE

Bari, Italy, Dec. 21 —(AP) —(Delayed) The Spanish main never had a more persistent bunch of pirates than the ragamuffin generation now levying tribute along the Bari waterfront.

These halfpint buccaneers, ranging from two to ten years in age, swoop out of hallway hiding places and nail every male soldier as he passes.

"Allo, Johnny," little Captain Kidd says casually.

The mistake of your life is to smile, pat him on the head, or answer "Hello, Joe." He is on you in a flash.

"Chewing gum, Johnny?" he asks, dogtrotting at your side.

"Finito," you say, stepping up your pace.

"Caramelli, Johnny?"

Your pockets are empty of candy so you say "finito" again and stride faster.

"Sigaretti, Johnny?" trusing on the pathos. You don't want to encourage juvenile delinquency so you weakly promise "domano" — "tomorrow."

"No, no, Johnny," he says, trying to put his hand into your pants pocket to prove you have the smokes with you. You thrust away his hand and keep going. You are both striding at full gallop with people on the street turning to stare at you.

Your legs begin to feel weak and rubbery and your breath comes in gasps but little Joe's legs twinkle along easily like Greg Rice going into the second lap. Joe knows he has you now and while you are wildly looking around for help or a convenient manhole to toss him into, he makes his last offer.

"Una lira, Johnny?" he says, "una lira?"

A lira is a penny and it is a cheap way out. You fish into your pockets with both hands and pull out wads of little lira bills. When you start to hand one over to Joe you find yourself suddenly surrounded by 17 layers of shouting children, all yelling at once:

"Una lira, Johnny, una lira!"

There is nothing to do but pay off. You start handing out lira but you see there aren't going to be enough to go around. You don't want to face that mob penniless so you take what you have left and throw them into the air and then run as fast as you can for your hotel.

The little racketeers have the city marked off in zones, just like the bootleggers did in the old days back home. Any strange kid who tries to barge into new territory gets his face scraped along the sidewalk.

The children who aren't trying to get you to give them something, are trying to sell you something. They are usually just little stooges for an older person.

Not all the beggar children are boys. Little dirty faced girls hardly old enough to play with dolls lug around baby sisters or brothers and when they ask for "carameli" they point to show they want it for the "bambino" gets about ten per cent of the take.

Many of the children in the streets are poorly clad, dirt-crusted, and covered with scabby sores. A surprising number, however, are neat and clean. Peddling and begging just happens to be the favorite childhood game here.

Red Army Units Within 35 Miles of Old Poland

—Europe

London, Jan. 1 —(AP)—Advance Soviet units punged ahead today to within 35 miles of the old Polish border and less than 90 miles of the pre-war Rumanian frontier after the Red Army, hammering the Germans back along a 20-mile arc west of Kiev, recaptured the vital oil town of Zhitomir and swept up 150 more communities.

Pounding toward Novograd Volinski, the Russians took Emelyanovka, 21 miles southwest of Korosten at the northern end of the arc, a Moscow communique declared, and smashed into the town of Pogrebische at the southern end in an advance of 15 miles.

As Moscow dispatches told of the happiest New Year's Eve celebrations of the war, the Red Army also lunged ahead in three other sectors.

Troops of Gen. Ivan S. Bagramian's Baltic army cut the Vitebsk-Orsha highway south of Vitebsk and advanced on both sides of that bitterly contested stronghold. Farther north, the Russians seized 60 communities west of Nevel, while in the Dnieper bend far to the sonth the third Ukraian army, deepening its bridgehead across the river, captured five more towns in its drive toward Nikopol.

As the good news poured into Moscow from the front, Michael Kalinin, president of the praesidium, of the Supreme Council of the Year's speech that 1944 would see the complete liberation of Soviet Soviet Union, promised in a New territory. A Moscow dispatch said already there is talk of what troops will be the first to reach the borders.

Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army was racing ahead far beyond the territory lost to the German counter-offensive west of Kiev in November and December, and Berlin reports to Swedish newspapers said there were many indications in German military circles that a new large-scale retreat would be ordered on the eastern front in order to stablize a defensive line.

In a frank acknowledgement of the gravity of the situation, the Nazi radio commentator Col. Ernest Von Hammer declared "in view of the great numerical superiority of the Soviet forces, German troops were compelled to restrict their activities to a mobile warfare in which difficult and dangerous situations repeatedly occurred."

The Soviet comumnique said strategic Zhitomir was taken by "bold maneuver and vigorous assault" after "fierce engagements" at the approaches of the town where "the Germans counterattacked frequently, trying to hold the town at any cost."

"The enemy sustained tremendous losses in manpower in these engagements," the bulletin said, "Much war material was captured and many prisoners were taken."

The communique characterized the operations along the 200-mile front in these words:

"Our tank and motorized troops dealt the enemy considerable blows, breaking through into his rear to intercept most important communications lines and smash German reserves which came up to the front line."

Tokyo Says America Massing in Alaska

New York, Jan. 1 —(AP)—Tokyo newspapers have warned the Japanese that the Americans are massing invasion forces, including 1,000 airplanes and six divisions of troops in Alaska and the Aleutans, the Berlin radio declared last night.

Quoting the Omiuri Hochi Hambun, the broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission said armament was piling up at Dutch Harbor "while masses of planes, especially bombers, are being assembled at Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, Nome, Kiska, and Attu. These are estimated to number 1,000 aircraft.

"In Alaska itself, about six divisions are concentrated. They comprise motorized units, tank forces and parachute troops. The fleet is also represented and two especially constructed aircraft carriers and a number of cruisers and destroyers are reported in norther bases."

Another paper said there were about 30 U. S. air bases in China that might be used in preparing for air attacks on Japan.

Reconnaissance planes fly so high they seldom can be seen and rarely heard, yet pictures taken from them can be enlarged up to 50 times.

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Hold Everything

"I want to free my boy friend —he's in the guard house!"

Almost 80 per cent of the daily newspapers in the U. S. are evening papers.

Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo

BASED ON THE FORTHCOMING **Book-of-the-Month**

By CAPT. TED W. LAWSON
EDITED BY BOB CONSIDINE

I came in toward the beach.

We caught the top of a wave . . .

There was no power in my arms or legs, only an instinctive want to live.

I REMEMBER THINKING momentarily, as we swung down toward the beach, that if this was Japanese occupied land we could make a pretty good job for ourselves if we lasted. Our front machine guns were detachable and, in a pinch, could be set up on the beach. I told the boys to put their ammunition on and I had time to see that my .45 and the .25 Ellen had given me were in their holsters.

I came in to the beach now, washing the water underneath us and listening to Davenport call off the airspeeds. He had just said "One hundred and ten" when for some reason I'll never understand, both engines coughed and lost their power. My hands jerked out and with one motion I primed the engines, trying to force life back into them, adjusted the prop pitch and tried to pull back the stick to keep the nose up—we could squash in. The two bigger landing wheels caught the top of a wave as the plane sagged and the curse of desperation and disappointment that I cried was drowned by the most God-awful noise I ever heard. It was as if some great hand had reached down through the storm, seized the plane and crunched it in a closing fist.

Then nothing. Nothing but peace.

Finally I began to realize vaguely that I was sitting in my pilot's seat, under water. I remember thinking: I'm dead. Then: No, I'm just hurt. Hurt bad. I couldn't move my legs, there was no feeling of being trapped or of fighting for air.

I thought of Ellen . . . I thought of our baby and wondered if it would be a boy or girl. A growing uneasiness came through my numb body: I wished I had left Ellen some money. I thought of money for my mother, too, in those disembodied seconds.

I could not feel my arms, yet I know I reached down and unbuckled the seat strap that was holding me to the chair. I drifted up off the seat and started floating to the surface.

It was like a dream of trying to escape from something that moves very swiftly, while you move slowly. There was no power in my arms or legs, only an instinctive want to live—a want that I couldn't understand. I began to fight now to hold my breath; it didn't seem possible to hold the water out of my bursting lungs even one more second . . .

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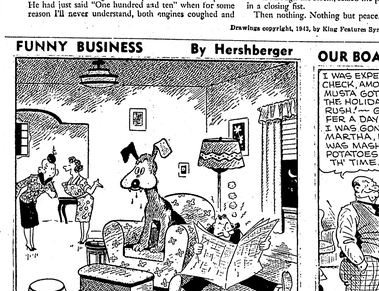
SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Your cousin Emma and her husband and kids are coming for a visit—that explains those canned goods they sent us for Christmas!"

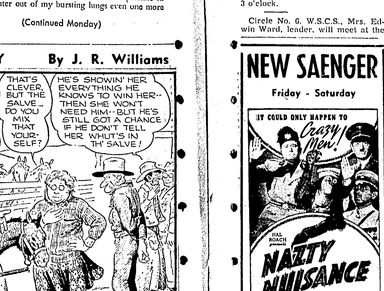
FUNNY BUSINESS By Hershberger



"He knows possession is nine points of the law—we bought him from a lawyer!"

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople

OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams



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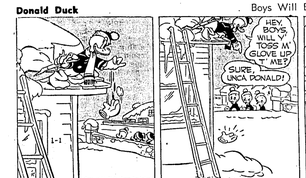

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Social Calendar

Monday, January 3rd

Unit No. 1 of St. Mark's Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. J. T. West, 4 o'clock.

Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, business session, the church, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 1 of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. J. B. Koonce and Mrs. H. D. Franklin, leaders, will meet at the home of Mrs. Franklin with Mrs. W. J. Cox, co-hostess, 3 o'clock.

Circle No. 2 of the W.S.C.S., Mrs. Don Smith, leader will be entertained at her home, 9 o'clock. Mrs. Brents McPherson and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten will be co-hostesses.

Circle No. 3, Mrs. F. C. Crow, leader, W.S.C.S., will be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. E. Jones, 401 South Pine, with Mrs. Leon Williams, associate hostess, 2 o'clock.

Circle No. 6, W.S.C.S., Mrs. Edwin Ward, leader, will meet at the home of Mrs. H. H. Stuart, 3 o'clock.

Y.W.A. of the First Baptist Church will meet at the church educational building, 6 o'clock.

The Women's Council of the First Christian church will meet at the church, 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. Lamarr Cox will be hostess to the Wesleyan Guild of the First Methodist church, 7:45 o'clock.

Miss King and Mr. Schenck Are Wed

The marriage of Miss Mary Elizabeth King, daughter of Mrs. Jett M. Atkins of Hope and Ted King of Hot Springs to Brack A. Schenck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schenck of Pittsboro, Indiana, was quietly solemnized Sunday, December 26 at the First Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. Robert B. Moore, performing the ceremony.

White gladiolous decorated the altar and formed a background for seven-branched candelabrum. Mrs. B. C. Hyatt, organist, rendered a program of pre-nuptial music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an afternoon dress of powder blue silk jersey with brown accessories. On her shoulder she pinned a white orchid.

Miss Ruth Bowden, maid of honor and only attendant, wore a dress of pink crepe trimmed with black lace. She wore a corsage of pink carnations.

C. A. Armitage served the bridegroom as best man, and the ushers were Sherman Cox and Howard Stone.

After a reception at the Barlow, the couple left for a brief wedding trip. They will be at home at 300 North Main.

The bride was graduated from Hope High School and attended Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia. The bridegroom attended Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, and is now employed at Southwestern Proving Ground.

Nancy Coleman Is Dinner Hostess

Among the events of the holiday season was the dinner party given by Miss Nancy Jae Coleman at her home Thursday evening.

The dining table was centered with a arrangement of Poinsettias. Place cards further carrying out the seasonal theme bore the names of the following guests:

Miss Virginia O'Neal, Miss Margory O'Neal, Miss June Duke, Miss Dorothy Ruth Dodds, Miss Marilyn Erwin, and Miss Coleman.

Coming and Going

Miss Catherine Ann O'Dwyer of Texarkana is the guest of Miss Betty Ruth Coleman.

Mrs. Fred French of Mt. Pleasant, Texas will arrive today for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Blackie Gillis.

Stuart Spragins, chief petty officer, USNR, is expected home this month to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spragins. After serving overseas, Mr. Spragins' battalion is now stationed at Davisville, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Osburn are entertaining their son, Gilbert Osburn of the Beaville, Texas Naval base.

Pvt. A. R. Kimbell of Camp Campbell, Ky. is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Aubrey Green and son, Jimmy, of Houston are guests of Mrs. Green's mother, Mrs. C. D. Dickinson.

Pvt. Nunt L. Durham is home on a 20-day furlough from service overseas. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. S. Durham of Washington and sisters, Mrs. Hazel Bowden and Mrs. Jene Winston. From here he will go to Camp Carson, Colo.

Mrs. J. E. Power left yesterday for Colorado Springs, Colo. to be guest of Pfc. Power at Camp Carson.

Miss Betty Ruth Coleman has returned from a visit to Shreveport. She was accompanied home by her cousin, John R. Smith.

Personal

Mrs. Charles Briant is a patient in the Josephine hospital, friends will regret to know.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hampton of Hope are the parents of a son, Louis Dwight, born December 26 at Josephine hospital.

Lt. and Mrs. LaVerne Palmer (Verna Mae Gray) announce the arrival of a son, Gelbert Ray, December 22. Lt. Palmer is stationed in England.

Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS

Hollywood — Time out for our annual forecast of Hollywood's Sureites at 1944, straight from the crystal ball which never fails:

Our town will rock along in its usual serene bedlam. Darryl F. Zanuck, Louis B. Mayer, Buddy DeSylva, Jack Warner and David O. Selznick each will produce the greatest epic ever filmed. So will Sam Goldwyn. So will everybody else.

Whenever a picture leaves up the screen, the standard alibis will continue in favor. These are (1) "I know it's not good, but it's good entertainment," and (2) "Well, it won't make any money, but it's a great prestige picture."

Cecil B. DeMille will make "Rurals" into the greatest epic ever filmed, unless Mary Pickford makes "Junior Miss" into the greatest, etc. Miss Pickford positively will not play the title role. Neither will Dame Mae Whitty. Dorothy Lamour, nor Marlene Dietrich. Miss Dietrich will be as fussy as ever about her still pictures, and Claudette Colbert will favor the left side of her face. Charles Boyer will be no more agreeable than necessary.

Dorothy Lamour positively will not make another sarong picture until another sarong picture comes along. Frank Sinatra will be a moving picture star, boosted by "Higher and Higher." Bob Hope will not star in "Hamlet" (although Jack Benny once made a pass at the role for comedy) but he will make an unkind cosmet or two on the horses owned by his co-worker, B. Crosby. Mickey Rooney will be romantically involved.

Ken Murray's "Blackouts of 1943" will undergo a title change — to "1944." Eddie Cantor will mention his five daughters occasionally, and Gracie Allen will not get a Rhodes scholarship, a Phi Beta Kappa key, nor her elected president.

Ingrid Bergman will stay as sweet as she is, and Maria Montez will continue to be a loyal Montez fan. Ann Sheridan will be romantically involved.

Nobody will get indigestion at the annual Oscar banquet March 2 — there won't be any. The actress who wins the Oscar will break out in tears and choke but probably without tears. All the other candidates will smile grimly . . . "We was robbed" will be heard here and there.

Errol Flyn will not run for mayor of Los Angeles, but Leo Carrillo will run for something at the drop of a hat — even his own hat. The Hollywood Canteen will continue to attract the nation's finest customers, day in and day out.

There'll be divorces, marriages, bubies and death — names of those concerned to be supplied later. It's all here in the crystal ball, and you can see for yourself, if it doesn't all come true.

NEW SAENGER
Friday - Saturday
IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN TO Crazy Man!
NAZTY NUISANCE
with BOBBY WATSON JOE DEVLIN JOHNNY ARTHUR JEAN PORTER
and Roy Rogers in 'Song of Texas'

New SAENGER
Sunday - Monday - Tuesday
A MUSICAL TREAT... with more entertainment than you've ever known!
Alice FAYE Carmen MIRANDA in THE GANG'S ALL HERE
with JAMES ELLISON PHIL BAKER · EDW. EVERETT HORTON EUGENE PALLETTE CHARLOTTE GREENWOOD and his Orch.

RIALTO
SUNDAY - MONDAY
BOB HOPE * BETTY HUTTON in "LET'S FACE IT"
with Dona DRAKE · Marjorie WEAVER Zeppo MARX · Eve ARDEN Raymond WALBURN

RIALTO
Friday - Saturday
A Round-up of Hold-ups!
Land of Hunted Men
The Range Busters CORRIGAN and TERHUNE DENNIS MOORE
and Serial
and Ruth Terry Frank Albertson in 'Mystery Broadcast'

At the Saenger Sunday

Alice Faye and Benny Goodman in a scene from Twentieth Century-Fox's new musical that has everything and everybody, "The Gang's All Here."

News of the Churches

FIRST METHODIST
Second and Pine Streets
Robert B. Moore, Pastor
Sunday, January 2, 1944
Chimes—9:30 a. m.
Church school—10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship—10:50 a. m.
Communion Sunday
Sermon—by the pastor
Vesper Service—5:30 p. m.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 p. m.
Board meeting, Sunday—2:00 p. m.
Choir Practice, Thursday, January 6—7:45 p. m.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL
Corner Elm and 2nd Street
H. B. Smith, Rector
Services on Sunday, January 2, the second Sunday after Christmas, will be as follows:
Holy Communion and Sermon—11:00 a. m.
There will be a meeting of the Vestry at the Rectory, 104 W. C. Ave. on Monday January 3rd at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL
West 4th and Ferguson
W. P. Graves, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Lucile Rowe, Supt.
Morning Service—11:00 a. m.
Evening Service—7:45 p. m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday—7:45 p. m.
We omitted the election of officers and teachers for our Sunday School until next Sunday. We urge all the members who can to be present.
You will always find a very cordial welcome at the Firt Pentecostal Church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Theo Brewster, Minister
Sunday School—9:45 a. m., with classes for all age groups.
Morning Worship—10:55 a. m. with Communion of the Lord's Supper and meditation by the Pastor.
Vesper Service—5:00 p. m.
Young Peoples Meeting—6:15 p. m.
Monthly meeting of the Executive Board o the Woman's Auxiliary, Monday at 4:00 p. m.
We urge and invite our people to begin the New Year by attending Church making the Lord's Day one of penetence and prayer and Holy re-commitment of our all to our Lord Jesus Christ.
You are cordially invited to worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fifth and Grady Streets
Fred H. Williamson, Minister
Bible Classes—10:00 a. m.
Preaching, Subject: "Resolutions."—11:00 a. m.
Vocal Class—6:30 p. m.
Preaching, Subject, "The Righteousness of God."—7:30 p. m.
Mid-week Service, Wednesday Evening—7:30 p. m.
All are cordially invited to attend these services.

HOPE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
North Main and Avenue D
Paul R. Gaston, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45 a. m.
Our departmentalized Sunday School is equipped to best teach children of all ages. Your children are taught religious songs and scripture verses, are trained in doing hand work of various kinds, and learn the value of spiritual things. Start your family to some good Sunday School this Sunday. You are invited to attend the Tabernacle.
Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.
The opening message of the Revival directed particularly to Christian people. Miss Gladys Pearson will preach.
Sunday Bible Study—6:30 p. m.
This class, taught by R. D. Phillips, is a real help to Bible lovers. Come early to service and get in this class. A new course of study has just been announced.
Revival Service—7:30 p. m.
Miss Margaret Plunkett will speak at this service. It is definitely evangistic in spirit, and all church goers will enjoy it.
The revival services will continue nightly at 7:30.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. F. T. Dollarton.
Mass at 10 o'clock every Sunday.

Greatest Demonstration of Airpower Predicted for 1944

By GLADWIN HILL

London, Jan. 1 — (AP) — The New Year 1944 will bring the greatest demonstration of air power in history.

The great test will be the air offensive paving the way for and supporting the Allies' all-out drive against Germany. As now conceived, that campaign will be the biggest military undertaking of all time and it follows inevitably that the air end must be correspondingly unprecedented.

In England, the most obvious jumping-off point for a second front, has been built up the greatest concentration of air power ever known on this "unsinkable aircraft carrier." In the special few thousand square miles, the U.S.A.A.F. alone has some 100 bomber, fighter and service bases. The RAF may have at least twice as many more.

From here for more than a year the whole gamut of Allied aerial weapons — heavy, medium and light bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters — have been almost daily making attacks against the continent, softening up the Germans while tempering their own forces.

In this campaign Germany's submarine resources have been thoroughly disrupted and at least one-third of Germany's war production is estimated to have been knocked out. The Ruhr has been destroyed as the industrial heart of Germany. Seven of Germany's first ten cities have been blasted virtually out of the war. Seven of Germany's 13 principal airplane assembly plants have been put out of commission. In France, Belgium and Holland, 75 of the German air force's advance bases have been systematically bombed week after week.

The radius over which an air cover for invasion can be provided from England now takes in important stretches of the Scandinavian coast, the Dutch coast and a large part of the French coast.

That does not preclude major drives from other points. Through North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Russia the Germans now are surrounded, and from these three fronts the bases from any of which they may be attacked.

Ahead of the invading armies, heavy bombers will switch quickly from the present strategic bombing of objectives in the heart of Germany to the blasting of frontline fortifications and artillery emplacements. Other heavy bombers will be hitting deeper, bombing railroad junctions and other foci of enemy reinforcements for the threatened zone. After them short-range and lower-level medium bombers like the Tokyo Mitchells and B-26 Marauders will go after the enemy's frontline fighting facilities, like airfields, highways, railroad lines and communication centers.

As the landing forces strike, they will be supported by low-level fighters and fighter-bombers, to press home further attacks on enemy frontline forces and installations.

As the landing is consolidated and the advance proceeds, the different air forces will continue this sort of support, the lighter forces keep-fogging ahead as soon as advance bases can be set up. The American force closely coordinated with the RAF, possibly under joint command. Its combat section will include medium bombers and fighter-bombers.

In the transportation section will be the Douglas transport and hospital planes. There will be "grasshopper" cub observation planes.

This Allied aerial drive will come up against a now numerically inferior German air force, weakened by losses and the disruption of replacement manufacture, which has had two-thirds of its fighter strength stretched to inadequate thinness over Western Europe.

It is a force transformed so drastically to the defensive since its heyday in 1939-40 that, in the face of the most damaging raids on Germany, it has been able to produce in reprisal only feeble 20-plane raids on England.

But this material deterioration does not apply to the German fliers individually. Few probably are as enthusiastic as in the days when they were dive-bombing helpless French refugees but there is no evidence that the German air force's morale is gone.

The German air force still can fight and will to the extent of its limitations. But that it will not be enough to save Germany already has become clear.

Surprises Are Offered by Worried Hitler

London, Jan. 1 — (AP) — Facing the grimmest year of his Nazi regime, Adolf Hitler offered his people offensive blows against the enemy and new inventions of warfare, and asserted the Germans were ready for any invasion from the west.

A swordy message to the home front played again on his favorite propaganda themes, but acknowledged 1943 had been the year of "heaviest reverses."

To his troops battling to stave off fresh disasters in Russia, Hitler attempted to "explain" Soviet triumphs, declaring the shattered Nazi offensive of last July had been "necessary to force the Russians to launch their pending offensive during the summer in order to exhaust as far as possible its force before the beginning of the winter."

"The year 1943 will be a very hard one," he told the soldiers.

But it will be our common task again to overcome the period of pure defense and to inflict heavy blows on the enemy."

He accompanied this hint of Nazi offensives with a suggestion of new weapons.

"If the scales of technical inventions in 1943 have temporarily tipped in favor of our enemies, we will make up for it," he declared.

He stated also the apparent slackening of the U-boat war is based only on one single technical invention of our enemies. We are not only about to remove it, but we are convinced that we shall succeed in this within a short period."

He did not describe the "new Allies' anti-submarine weapon.

German anti-invasion fortifications will "surprise the enemy," he said in a proclimation for the New Year, promising "retaliation" for Allied bombings.

His messages explained the Russian front had been weakened because of the threats from the west and said the German leadership had to overcome difficulties from the "treachery" of the French and Italians that led to invasions of North Africa and Italy. But he boasted the Germans could have made better use of the opportunities that had fallen to the Allies.

Much of his home front proclamation was devoted to picturing the German war as one against Bolshevism, with this propaganda theme salted with the warning that victory would be only for victors and losers, but merely survivors and annihilated."

Says Rail

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velt in blocking removal of "overtime discriminations against railway employees."

The statement pledged the workers "level best" to keep the railroads operating but warned there would be no retreat on the wage fight.

By refusing to permit Mr. Roosevelt to arbitrate their cause, the non-operating unions raised the possibility the army may have to run the roads for an indefinite period.

Three operating brotherhoods, the firemen, conductors and switchmen, also have declined the president's offer to mediate their wage demands personally, and accused the administration of bungling the case.

Entirely separate from all this was a statement put out coincidentally late last night by Elmer Davis, chief of the Office of War Information.

Davis said the fight against inflation is in danger of being lost because "too many pressure groups are out for all they can get, regardless of its effect on the national economy."

"If a soldier at the front decided that he had done as much fighting as he needed to do and he might as well go home now, that could be called desertion in the face of the enemy," said Davis.

"People at home who stop war work for no valid reason, or stop thinking about the war and put their minds on what they are going to do afterward, are deserting in the face of the enemy, too.

"We are going into the most intense and most critical period of the whole war and it is no time for anybody whether businessman, laborleader, Farm leader, or Washington Bureaucrat, to decide that he has done all he needed to do and he might as well reconvert himself to peacetime activities."

Gayety Almost

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name from enrolling one nek member annually, conducted its usual midnight display of fireworks atop Pikes Peak and announced its latest member was Carl Melzer of Denver.

In Ossining, N. Y., inmates of Sing Sing prison, by special permission, celebrated the New Year by letting their cell doors, singing and shouting.

New York's last fire alarm of 1943 happily turned out to be a false one. And happily for the celebrator who pulled the arm at 7th avenue and 34th street, he disappeared before the firemen arrived.

Flashes of Life

By the Associated Press

Open Letter?

Portland, Ore. — The David C. Whites sent a letter to Camp Adair, Ore., inviting two (2) soldiers for the yuletide holiday.

Ten soldiers arrived Christmas eve, two more on Christmas Day just before dinner.

They all ate, but the turkey was sliced mighty thin.

Cockeyed Timing

Chicago — A Plymouth Rock rooster, Big Boy, crows a little at 4 a. m., but really turns on the traditional volume at noon.

His owner, Mrs. Edward A. Doyle, explained Big Boy is happiest at noon. Then he is freed in a backyard — scarce in the neighborhood — to play with a rabbit named Hitler, a turtle named Matilda, and four bulldogs, Tommy, Question, Dee Dee Boy, and Sir John Falstaff, all Doyle pets.

Frostbite

Evanston, Ill. — Patrolman Francis Flood, answered a dog-in-the-lake summons, ventured across several yards of ice toward a well-chilled German Shepherd, lassoed the animal and pulled it to safety.

As he was trying to put the dog in a squad car it turned and bit him on the left wrist.

The Payoff

Oklahoma City — When scout car officers arrested a suspicious character, he insisted on seeing "my pal," Police Chief L. J. Hilbert.

"Can you help me on this?" he asked the chief.

"I can't keep you from being booked for speeding," said Hilbert, "because that wouldn't be right. But I'll pay your fine for you if you want me to."

The speeder blushed like a red traffic light and paid.

Aftermath

Los Angeles — He's gone, red flannel suit, excelsior inside and all. He was part of a holiday display, and who anyone would want him now, nobody knows.

But Fred Starmes, a film worker, told police: "Somebody's stolen Santa Claus.

Ho! Treasure

Chicago — Thieves smashed a jewelry store window, escaped with their loot, but left a heap of shattered glass in which Policeman Robert Oman spied a brilliant sparkle.

He picked up a diamond platinum ring.

From then on policemen poured through the debris for two hours while one officer had to discourage excited spectators from joining them in the search. They recovered a total of $2,432 in jewels.

Not Essential. Thanks

Camp Grant, Ill. — Pvt. Winfield Jones has put in his bid for having received the silliest Christmas present at Camp Grant.

They all ate, but the turkey was sliced mighty thin.

The gift? A red necktie.

Bye-Bye Ballet

Toumanova, ex-prima ballerina of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, takes a farewell look at her ballet skirt. She renounced ballet for the movies, is now working on second screen role, which features her acting over dancing.

Pioneer of Hempstead Dies Today

Mrs. Arrie Powell, 75, pioneer resident of Mt. Nebo community, died early Saturday morning at a local hospital. For the past several years she had made her home with a son, Andrew Powell, of Patmos.

She is also survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Tom Drake and Mrs. Elbert Rider, both of Patmos, and Emma Powell of Pennsylvania; 2 sons, Jesse and Johnny Powell, of Shreveport, Walter of Poteau, Okla., Sterling of Pittsburg, Pa., and Andrew of Patmos.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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Hold Everything

"I want to free my boy friend —he's in the guard house!"

Almost 80 per cent of the daily newspapers in the U. S. are evening papers.

Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo

BASED ON THE FORTHCOMING **Book-of-the-Month**

By CAPT. TED W. LAWSON
EDITED BY BOB CONSIDINE

I came in toward the beach.

We caught the top of a wave . . .

There was no power in my arms or legs, only an instinctive want to live.

I REMEMBER THINKING momentarily, as we swung down toward the beach, that if this was Japanese occupied land we could make a pretty good job for ourselves if we lasted. Our front machine guns were detachable and, in a pinch, could be set up on the beach. I told the boys to put their ammunition on and I had time to see that my .45 and the .25 Ellen had given me were in their holsters.

I came in to the beach now, washing the water underneath us and listening to Davenport call off the airspeeds. He had just said "One hundred and ten" when for some reason I'll never understand, both engines coughed and lost their power. My hands jerked out and with one motion I primed the engines, trying to force life back into them, adjusted the prop pitch and tried to pull back the stick to keep the nose up—we could squash in. The two bigger landing wheels caught the top of a wave as the plane sagged and the curse of desperation and disappointment that I cried was drowned by the most God-awful noise I ever heard. It was as if some great hand had reached down through the storm, seized the plane and crunched it in a closing fist.

Then nothing. Nothing but peace.

Finally I began to realize vaguely that I was sitting in my pilot's seat, under water. I remember thinking: I'm dead. Then: No, I'm just hurt. Hurt bad. I couldn't move my legs, there was no feeling of being trapped or of fighting for air.

I thought of Ellen . . . I thought of our baby and wondered if it would be a boy or girl. A growing uneasiness came through my numb body: I wished I had left Ellen some money. I thought of money for my mother, too, in those disembodied seconds.

I could not feel my arms, yet I know I reached down and unbuckled the seat strap that was holding me to the chair. I drifted up off the seat and started floating to the surface.

It was like a dream of trying to escape from something that moves very swiftly, while you move slowly. There was no power in my arms or legs, only an instinctive want to live—a want that I couldn't understand. I began to fight now to hold my breath; it didn't seem possible to hold the water out of my bursting lungs even one more second . . .

(Continued Monday)

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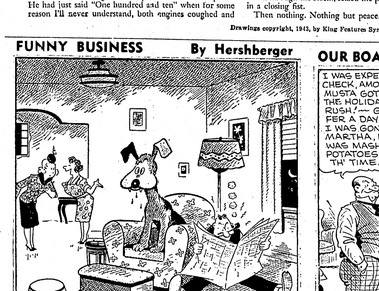

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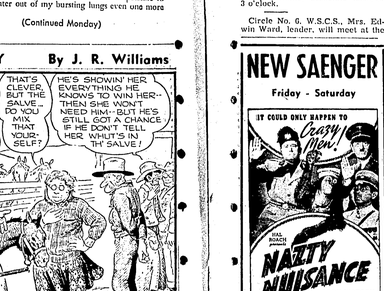

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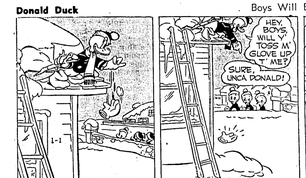

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Social Calendar

Monday, January 3rd

Unit No. 1 of St. Mark's Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. J. T. West, 4 o'clock.

Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, business session, the church, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 1 of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. J. B. Koonce and Mrs. H. D. Franklin, leaders, will meet at the home of Mrs. Franklin with Mrs. W. J. Cox, co-hostess, 3 o'clock.

Circle No. 2 of the W.S.C.S., Mrs. Don Smith, leader will be entertained at her home, 9 o'clock. Mrs. Brents McPherson and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten will be co-hostesses.

Circle No. 3, Mrs. F. C. Crow, leader, W.S.C.S., will be entertained at the home of Mrs. W. E. Jones, 401 South Pine, with Mrs. Leon Williams, associate hostess, 2 o'clock.

Circle No. 6, W.S.C.S., Mrs. Edwin Ward, leader, will meet at the home of Mrs. H. H. Stuart, 3 o'clock.

Y.W.A. of the First Baptist Church will meet at the church educational building, 6 o'clock.

The Women's Council of the First Christian church will meet at the church, 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. Lamarr Cox will be hostess to the Wesleyan Guild of the First Methodist church, 7:45 o'clock.

Miss King and Mr. Schenck Are Wed

The marriage of Miss Mary Elizabeth King, daughter of Mrs. Jett M. Atkins of Hope and Ted King of Hot Springs to Brack A. Schenck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Schenck of Pittsboro, Indiana, was quietly solemnized Sunday, December 26 at the First Methodist church with the pastor, the Rev. Robert B. Moore, performing the ceremony.

White gladiolous decorated the altar and formed a background for seven-branched candelabrum. Mrs. B. C. Hyatt, organist, rendered a program of pre-nuptial music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an afternoon dress of powder blue silk jersey with brown accessories. On her shoulder she pinned a white orchid.

Miss Ruth Bowden, maid of honor and only attendant, wore a dress of pink crepe trimmed with black lace. She wore a corsage of pink carnations.

C. A. Armitage served the bridegroom as best man, and the ushers were Sherman Cox and Howard Stone.

After a reception at the Barlow, the couple left for a brief wedding trip. They will be at home at 300 North Main.

The bride was graduated from Hope High School and attended Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia. The bridegroom attended Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana, and is now employed at Southwestern Proving Ground.

Nancy Coleman Is Dinner Hostess

Among the events of the holiday season was the dinner party given by Miss Nancy Jae Coleman at her home Thursday evening.

The dining table was centered with a arrangement of Poinsettias. Place cards further carrying out the seasonal theme bore the names of the following guests:

Miss Virginia O'Neal, Miss Margory O'Neal, Miss June Duke, Miss Dorothy Ruth Dodds, Miss Marilyn Erwin, and Miss Coleman.

Coming and Going

Miss Catherine Ann O'Dwyer of Texarkana is the guest of Miss Betty Ruth Coleman.

Mrs. Fred French of Mt. Pleasant, Texas will arrive today for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Blackie Gillis.

Stuart Spragins, chief petty officer, USNR, is expected home this month to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spragins. After serving overseas, Mr. Spragins' battalion is now stationed at Davisville, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Osburn are entertaining their son, Gilbert Osburn of the Beaville, Texas Naval base.

Pvt. A. R. Kimbell of Camp Campbell, Ky. is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Aubrey Green and son, Jimmy, of Houston are guests of Mrs. Green's mother, Mrs. C. D. Dickinson.

Pvt. Nunt L. Durham is home on a 20-day furlough from service overseas. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. S. Durham of Washington and sisters, Mrs. Hazel Bowden and Mrs. Jene Winston. From here he will go to Camp Carson, Colo.

Mrs. J. E. Power left yesterday for Colorado Springs, Colo. to be guest of Pfc. Power at Camp Carson.

Miss Betty Ruth Coleman has returned from a visit to Shreveport. She was accompanied home by her cousin, John R. Smith.

Personal

Mrs. Charles Briant is a patient in the Josephine hospital, friends will regret to know.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hampton of Hope are the parents of a son, Louis Dwight, born December 26 at Josephine hospital.

Lt. and Mrs. LaVerne Palmer (Verna Mae Gray) announce the arrival of a son, Gelbert Ray, December 22. Lt. Palmer is stationed in England.

Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS

Hollywood — Time out for our annual forecast of Hollywood's Sureites at 1944, straight from the crystal ball which never fails:

Our town will rock along in its usual serene bedlam. Darryl F. Zanuck, Louis B. Mayer, Buddy DeSylva, Jack Warner and David O. Selznick each will produce the greatest epic ever filmed. So will Sam Goldwyn. So will everybody else.

Whenever a picture leaves up the screen, the standard alibis will continue in favor. These are (1) "I know it's not good, but it's good entertainment," and (2) "Well, it won't make any money, but it's a great prestige picture."

Cecil B. DeMille will make "Rurals" into the greatest epic ever filmed, unless Mary Pickford makes "Junior Miss" into the greatest, etc. Miss Pickford positively will not play the title role. Neither will Dame Mae Whitty. Dorothy Lamour, nor Marlene Dietrich. Miss Dietrich will be as fussy as ever about her still pictures, and Claudette Colbert will favor the left side of her face. Charles Boyer will be no more agreeable than necessary.

Dorothy Lamour positively will not make another sarong picture until another sarong picture comes along. Frank Sinatra will be a moving picture star, boosted by "Higher and Higher." Bob Hope will not star in "Hamlet" (although Jack Benny once made a pass at the role for comedy) but he will make an unkind cosmet or two on the horses owned by his co-worker, B. Crosby. Mickey Rooney will be romantically involved.

Ken Murray's "Blackouts of 1943" will undergo a title change — to "1944." Eddie Cantor will mention his five daughters occasionally, and Gracie Allen will not get a Rhodes scholarship, a Phi Beta Kappa key, nor her elected president.

Ingrid Bergman will stay as sweet as she is, and Maria Montez will continue to be a loyal Montez fan. Ann Sheridan will be romantically involved.

Nobody will get indigestion at the annual Oscar banquet March 2 — there won't be any. The actress who wins the Oscar will break out in tears and choke but probably without tears. All the other candidates will smile grimly . . . "We was robbed" will be heard here and there.

Errol Flyn will not run for mayor of Los Angeles, but Leo Carrillo will run for something at the drop of a hat — even his own hat. The Hollywood Canteen will continue to attract the nation's finest customers, day in and day out.

There'll be divorces, marriages, bubies and death — names of those concerned to be supplied later. It's all here in the crystal ball, and you can see for yourself, if it doesn't all come true.

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Alice FAYE Carmen MIRANDA in THE GANG'S ALL HERE
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RIALTO
SUNDAY - MONDAY
BOB HOPE * BETTY HUTTON in "LET'S FACE IT"
with Dona DRAKE · Marjorie WEAVER Zeppo MARX · Eve ARDEN Raymond WALBURN

RIALTO
Friday - Saturday
A Round-up of Hold-ups!
Land of Hunted Men
The Range Busters CORRIGAN and TERHUNE DENNIS MOORE
and Serial
and Ruth Terry Frank Albertson in 'Mystery Broadcast'

At the Saenger Sunday

Alice Faye and Benny Goodman in a scene from Twentieth Century-Fox's new musical that has everything and everybody, "The Gang's All Here."

News of the Churches

FIRST METHODIST
Second and Pine Streets
Robert B. Moore, Pastor
Sunday, January 2, 1944
Chimes—9:30 a. m.
Church school—10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship—10:50 a. m.
Communion Sunday
Sermon—by the pastor
Vesper Service—5:30 p. m.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 p. m.
Board meeting, Sunday—2:00 p. m.
Choir Practice, Thursday, January 6—7:45 p. m.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL
Corner Elm and 2nd Street
H. B. Smith, Rector
Services on Sunday, January 2, the second Sunday after Christmas, will be as follows:
Holy Communion and Sermon—11:00 a. m.
There will be a meeting of the Vestry at the Rectory, 104 W. C. Ave. on Monday January 3rd at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL
West 4th and Ferguson
W. P. Graves, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Lucile Rowe, Supt.
Morning Service—11:00 a. m.
Evening Service—7:45 p. m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday—7:45 p. m.
We omitted the election of officers and teachers for our Sunday School until next Sunday. We urge all the members who can to be present.
You will always find a very cordial welcome at the Firt Pentecostal Church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Theo Brewster, Minister
Sunday School—9:45 a. m., with classes for all age groups.
Morning Worship—10:55 a. m. with Communion of the Lord's Supper and meditation by the Pastor.
Vesper Service—5:00 p. m.
Young Peoples Meeting—6:15 p. m.
Monthly meeting of the Executive Board o the Woman's Auxiliary, Monday at 4:00 p. m.
We urge and invite our people to begin the New Year by attending Church making the Lord's Day one of penetence and prayer and Holy re-commitment of our all to our Lord Jesus Christ.
You are cordially invited to worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fifth and Grady Streets
Fred H. Williamson, Minister
Bible Classes—10:00 a. m.
Preaching, Subject: "Resolutions."—11:00 a. m.
Vocal Class—6:30 p. m.
Preaching, Subject, "The Righteousness of God."—7:30 p. m.
Mid-week Service, Wednesday Evening—7:30 p. m.
All are cordially invited to attend these services.

HOPE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
North Main and Avenue D
Paul R. Gaston, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45 a. m.
Our departmentalized Sunday School is equipped to best teach children of all ages. Your children are taught religious songs and scripture verses, are trained in doing hand work of various kinds, and learn the value of spiritual things. Start your family to some good Sunday School this Sunday. You are invited to attend the Tabernacle.
Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.
The opening message of the Revival directed particularly to Christian people. Miss Gladys Pearson will preach.
Sunday Bible Study—6:30 p. m.
This class, taught by R. D. Phillips, is a real help to Bible lovers. Come early to service and get in this class. A new course of study has just been announced.
Revival Service—7:30 p. m.
Miss Margaret Plunkett will speak at this service. It is definitely evangistic in spirit, and all church goers will enjoy it.
The revival services will continue nightly at 7:30.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. F. T. Dollarton.
Mass at 10 o'clock every Sunday.

Greatest Demonstration of Airpower Predicted for 1944

By GLADWIN HILL

London, Jan. 1 — (AP) — The New Year 1944 will bring the greatest demonstration of air power in history.

The great test will be the air offensive paving the way for and supporting the Allies' all-out drive against Germany. As now conceived, that campaign will be the biggest military undertaking of all time and it follows inevitably that the air end must be correspondingly unprecedented.

In England, the most obvious jumping-off point for a second front, has been built up the greatest concentration of air power ever known on this "unsinkable aircraft carrier." In the special few thousand square miles, the U.S.A.A.F. alone has some 100 bomber, fighter and service bases. The RAF may have at least twice as many more.

From here for more than a year the whole gamut of Allied aerial weapons — heavy, medium and light bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters — have been almost daily making attacks against the continent, softening up the Germans while tempering their own forces.

In this campaign Germany's submarine resources have been thoroughly disrupted and at least one-third of Germany's war production is estimated to have been knocked out. The Ruhr has been destroyed as the industrial heart of Germany. Seven of Germany's first ten cities have been blasted virtually out of the war. Seven of Germany's 13 principal airplane assembly plants have been put out of commission. In France, Belgium and Holland, 75 of the German air force's advance bases have been systematically bombed week after week.

The radius over which an air cover for invasion can be provided from England now takes in important stretches of the Scandinavian coast, the Dutch coast and a large part of the French coast.

That does not preclude major drives from other points. Through North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Russia the Germans now are surrounded, and from these three fronts the bases from any of which they may be attacked.

Ahead of the invading armies, heavy bombers will switch quickly from the present strategic bombing of objectives in the heart of Germany to the blasting of frontline fortifications and artillery emplacements. Other heavy bombers will be hitting deeper, bombing railroad junctions and other foci of enemy reinforcements for the threatened zone. After them short-range and lower-level medium bombers like the Tokyo Mitchells and B-26 Marauders will go after the enemy's frontline fighting facilities, like airfields, highways, railroad lines and communication centers.

As the landing forces strike, they will be supported by low-level fighters and fighter-bombers, to press home further attacks on enemy frontline forces and installations.

As the landing is consolidated and the advance proceeds, the different air forces will continue this sort of support, the lighter forces keep-fogging ahead as soon as advance bases can be set up. The American force closely coordinated with the RAF, possibly under joint command. Its combat section will include medium bombers and fighter-bombers.

In the transportation section will be the Douglas transport and hospital planes. There will be "grasshopper" cub observation planes.

This Allied aerial drive will come up against a now numerically inferior German air force, weakened by losses and the disruption of replacement manufacture, which has had two-thirds of its fighter strength stretched to inadequate thinness over Western Europe.

It is a force transformed so drastically to the defensive since its heyday in 1939-40 that, in the face of the most damaging raids on Germany, it has been able to produce in reprisal only feeble 20-plane raids on England.

But this material deterioration does not apply to the German fliers individually. Few probably are as enthusiastic as in the days when they were dive-bombing helpless French refugees but there is no evidence that the German air force's morale is gone.

The German air force still can fight and will to the extent of its limitations. But that it will not be enough to save Germany already has become clear.

Surprises Are Offered by Worried Hitler

London, Jan. 1 — (AP) — Facing the grimmest year of his Nazi regime, Adolf Hitler offered his people offensive blows against the enemy and new inventions of warfare, and asserted the Germans were ready for any invasion from the west.

A swordy message to the home front played again on his favorite propaganda themes, but acknowledged 1943 had been the year of "heaviest reverses."

To his troops battling to stave off fresh disasters in Russia, Hitler attempted to "explain" Soviet triumphs, declaring the shattered Nazi offensive of last July had been "necessary to force the Russians to launch their pending offensive during the summer in order to exhaust as far as possible its force before the beginning of the winter."

"The year 1943 will be a very hard one," he told the soldiers.

But it will be our common task again to overcome the period of pure defense and to inflict heavy blows on the enemy."

He accompanied this hint of Nazi offensives with a suggestion of new weapons.

"If the scales of technical inventions in 1943 have temporarily tipped in favor of our enemies, we will make up for it," he declared.

He stated also the apparent slackening of the U-boat war is based only on one single technical invention of our enemies. We are not only about to remove it, but we are convinced that we shall succeed in this within a short period."

He did not describe the "new Allies' anti-submarine weapon.

German anti-invasion fortifications will "surprise the enemy," he said in a proclimation for the New Year, promising "retaliation" for Allied bombings.

His messages explained the Russian front had been weakened because of the threats from the west and said the German leadership had to overcome difficulties from the "treachery" of the French and Italians that led to invasions of North Africa and Italy. But he boasted the Germans could have made better use of the opportunities that had fallen to the Allies.

Much of his home front proclamation was devoted to picturing the German war as one against Bolshevism, with this propaganda theme salted with the warning that victory would be only for victors and losers, but merely survivors and annihilated."

Says Rail

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velt in blocking removal of "overtime discriminations against railway employees."

The statement pledged the workers "level best" to keep the railroads operating but warned there would be no retreat on the wage fight.

By refusing to permit Mr. Roosevelt to arbitrate their cause, the non-operating unions raised the possibility the army may have to run the roads for an indefinite period.

Three operating brotherhoods, the firemen, conductors and switchmen, also have declined the president's offer to mediate their wage demands personally, and accused the administration of bungling the case.

Entirely separate from all this was a statement put out coincidentally late last night by Elmer Davis, chief of the Office of War Information.

Davis said the fight against inflation is in danger of being lost because "too many pressure groups are out for all they can get, regardless of its effect on the national economy."

"If a soldier at the front decided that he had done as much fighting as he needed to do and he might as well go home now, that could be called desertion in the face of the enemy," said Davis.

"People at home who stop war work for no valid reason, or stop thinking about the war and put their minds on what they are going to do afterward, are deserting in the face of the enemy, too.

"We are going into the most intense and most critical period of the whole war and it is no time for anybody whether businessman, laborleader, Farm leader, or Washington Bureaucrat, to decide that he has done all he needed to do and he might as well reconvert himself to peacetime activities."

Gayety Almost

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name from enrolling one nek member annually, conducted its usual midnight display of fireworks atop Pikes Peak and announced its latest member was Carl Melzer of Denver.

In Ossining, N. Y., inmates of Sing Sing prison, by special permission, celebrated the New Year by letting their cell doors, singing and shouting.

New York's last fire alarm of 1943 happily turned out to be a false one. And happily for the celebrator who pulled the arm at 7th avenue and 34th street, he disappeared before the firemen arrived.

Flashes of Life

By the Associated Press

Open Letter?

Portland, Ore. — The David C. Whites sent a letter to Camp Adair, Ore., inviting two (2) soldiers for the yuletide holiday.

Ten soldiers arrived Christmas eve, two more on Christmas Day just before dinner.

They all ate, but the turkey was sliced mighty thin.

Cockeyed Timing

Chicago — A Plymouth Rock rooster, Big Boy, crows a little at 4 a. m., but really turns on the traditional volume at noon.

His owner, Mrs. Edward A. Doyle, explained Big Boy is happiest at noon. Then he is freed in a backyard — scarce in the neighborhood — to play with a rabbit named Hitler, a turtle named Matilda, and four bulldogs, Tommy, Question, Dee Dee Boy, and Sir John Falstaff, all Doyle pets.

Frostbite

Evanston, Ill. — Patrolman Francis Flood, answered a dog-in-the-lake summons, ventured across several yards of ice toward a well-chilled German Shepherd, lassoed the animal and pulled it to safety.

As he was trying to put the dog in a squad car it turned and bit him on the left wrist.

The Payoff

Oklahoma City — When scout car officers arrested a suspicious character, he insisted on seeing "my pal," Police Chief L. J. Hilbert.

"Can you help me on this?" he asked the chief.

"I can't keep you from being booked for speeding," said Hilbert, "because that wouldn't be right. But I'll pay your fine for you if you want me to."

The speeder blushed like a red traffic light and paid.

Aftermath

Los Angeles — He's gone, red flannel suit, excelsior inside and all. He was part of a holiday display, and who anyone would want him now, nobody knows.

But Fred Starmes, a film worker, told police: "Somebody's stolen Santa Claus.

Ho! Treasure

Chicago — Thieves smashed a jewelry store window, escaped with their loot, but left a heap of shattered glass in which Policeman Robert Oman spied a brilliant sparkle.

He picked up a diamond platinum ring.

From then on policemen poured through the debris for two hours while one officer had to discourage excited spectators from joining them in the search. They recovered a total of $2,432 in jewels.

Not Essential. Thanks

Camp Grant, Ill. — Pvt. Winfield Jones has put in his bid for having received the silliest Christmas present at Camp Grant.

They all ate, but the turkey was sliced mighty thin.

The gift? A red necktie.

Bye-Bye Ballet

Toumanova, ex-prima ballerina of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, takes a farewell look at her ballet skirt. She renounced ballet for the movies, is now working on second screen role, which features her acting over dancing.

Pioneer of Hempstead Dies Today

Mrs. Arrie Powell, 75, pioneer resident of Mt. Nebo community, died early Saturday morning at a local hospital. For the past several years she had made her home with a son, Andrew Powell, of Patmos.

She is also survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Tom Drake and Mrs. Elbert Rider, both of Patmos, and Emma Powell of Pennsylvania; 2 sons, Jesse and Johnny Powell, of Shreveport, Walter of Poteau, Okla., Sterling of Pittsburg, Pa., and Andrew of Patmos.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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Europe May Require 5 Years of Military Occupation

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.

By WILLIAM FRYE
Associated Press War Analyst

There is not much New Year's cheer in the subject, but Allied experience in the occupation of Italy rates some sober attention because it will recur throughout the new year.

The excitement over the dramatic preparations for invasion of Western Europe, the prediction of General Eisenhower that Germany will be crushed this year such things have obscured the fact that the army will not be through with its job when the Nazi armies are defeated.

On the contrary — an authoritative estimate is that military occupation of reconquered Europe may be necessary for as long as five years. If the situation in Italy is a sample, it will be months or years before civilian administrators can take over from the army in most parts of the devastated continent with even a semblance of local, native organization.

It is difficult for a people relatively untouched by the war, such as the Americans, to realize how completely bankrupt — physically, morally and spiritually — the Fascist madness and the war have left the civilian populations. They respect only force, hope for nothing but handouts.

A high official recently returned from the Mediterranean describes the situation in this respect as "disgusting." There is no political leadership following for any leader who might try, plus no interest. Italy was Fascist for 20 years, and since the system was smashed, the only substitute is Allied Military Government. There is no present outlook for anything else.

AMG was not supposed to be a long-term business, only a stopgap. But AMG appears to be stuck with the job. There is no initiative among the people, even in the smallest of local affairs — apathy, shiftlessness and a general wretched and hopeless people that almost even be termed a "society."

The cumulative effects of many factors contain a very large portion of the explanation. After 21 months Italians have had enough to eat for at least four years.

But whatever the reason, the condition remains. If it exists in Italy, there is every reason to assume it will exists throughout the new countries, France, the Balkans, Czechoslovakia, Poland. It probably exists also, if to a lesser degree, in Germany itself. The Nazis have stripped the rest of Europe to supply themselves, but even their factories not have protected them entirely.

With that prospect, the only government that will be able to prevent anarchy in Europe will be government by force, however benevolent. AMG has a job cut out for it and the army will not be through when Germany is beaten.

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Deaths Last Night

by The Associated Press

Meton Smith Hale, 44, motion picture director in Hollywood, Fla. Meton Smith Hale, 54, managing editor of the Kiwani International Magazine 19 year prior to his regnaton Ort. I to become secretary of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Ephraim L. Wood
Norwell, Mass. — Ephraim L. Wood, 85, who taught latin to the late President Calvin Coolidge and was notable at Amherst College.

Mr. Lucy Drexel Dahlgren
New York—Mrs. Lucy Drexel Dahlgren, 76, daughter of the late Joseph W. Drexel of Philadelphia and divorced wife of Eric B. Dahlgren, millionaire yachtman and stock broker.

Daniel Hinchcliffe
Muncie, Ind.—Daniel Hinchcliffe, 86, inventor of two of the five known zinc rolling process and supervisor at inc mill of the

Lost

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Right Radio, Wrong Car

East Rutherford, N. J. —(AP)— If the New Jersey motorist who found a radio mysteriously installed in his automobile should crave an alibi, he can call on Consul M. L. Hufford.

Hufford called for his car radio at a repair shop and put it in what he thought was his own automobile. He went home in an ice cream store, and when he returned to the car that really was his own, the other vehicle — and the radio — had gone.

Good morning, Mrs. Zilch," said the doctor, "did you take your husband's temperature, as I told you?"

"Yes, doctor, I borrowed a barometer and placed it on his chest; it said 'very dry' so I brought him a pint of beer and he's gone back to work."

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New York, Jan. 1 —(AP)— After jerking and jolting along like an old model T with a bug under the hood, the 1943 football season cuts loose with a burst of bowl game speed today to cross the finish line a day late, on the first day of 1944.

Over 300,000 customers and guests were due to preside at the ceremonies scattered from Miami to San Francisco with major stopovers at New Orleans, El Paso, Tex., Dallas, Houston and Pasadena.

Georgia Tech and Tulsa in New Orleans' Sugar Bowl attracted most attention with Bill Alexander's Engineers rated a 3 to 8 public choice on the strong arm pitching of Eddie Prokop. A passing duel between Prokop and Clyde LeForce was expected by the crowd of 73,000, largest of the day.

The Pacific Coast has a neighborhood squabble in the Rose Bowl as Washington, the only unbeaten and untied team in action last into the past nine weeks, trys to spoil Southern California's perfect Pasadena record. The Huskies never have won the classic while the Trojans never have lost. Sixty five thousand fans have made Washington a 2 to 1 choice.

San Francisco's Shrine game finds the West expected to top the East, although, as usual, little is known on the two all-star aggregations, neither of which ever has played as a unit. The western 1 to 2 favorites have to reckon with Indiana Big Ten representative and passing for Andy Kerr's Eastern team.

Miami has a rematch in Texas Aggies and Louisiana State. The Tigers and Aggies met earlier with the Aggies taking a 28-13 decision. Homer Norton's 3 to 9 favored Texans lost considerable backing when it became known that Marion Flanagan was injured and would not play. LSU was counting, as usual, on Steve VanBuren.

Texas University rated a 1 to 2 choice to whip Randolph Field in the Cotton ovl spectacle at Dallas where the odd-makers counted on a well-balanced Texas eleven to outshine the spectacular Glenn Dobbs.

Southwestern Texas and Southwestern Louisiana figure in the lower bowlers. The Texas version takes on New Mexico and El Paso where 20,000 Sun Bowl fans are expected. Southwestern Louisiana, unbeaten in five starts but once tied, plays Arkansas A and M open the new Oil Bowl at Houston with Southwestern liked at odds of 1 to 2.

The old Indian was riding along the road on his pony, while his squaw followed on foot, heavily burdened with luggage.

"Say, Redskin, why isn't your wife riding?" asked a passing motorist.

"Ugh," answered the Indian, "she got no pony."

Each soldier eats 133 pounds of fat each year, as against the normal consumption of 52 pounds.

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Wahington — Cleveland Henel Stauffer, 53, a copy editor of the Wahington Evening Star 25 years.

Clean Sweeper

As a political candidate, Harry Glass of Grand Rapids, Mich., always was hopeful of making a clean sweep. As pictured above, he has plenty of chance to do it, these days. Once Michigan's youngest state senator, with four years in the legislature, he's now a private with the 5th Air Force in New Guinea.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Paul B. Fullerton, Jr.
Associated Press Sports Columnist

New York, Jan. 1 —(AP)—There's deep snow in the north country this New Year's Day, and on its smooth surface the nameless athletes of the Royal Norwegian Air Force are writing another colorful chapter in sports history . . . Remember last winter when a couple of Norwegian boys, known only as "Ola" and "Sigurd" dominated ski competition. They couldn't disclose their family names for fear that their folks back home in Norway would suffer if the Germans learned that they were training at Little Norway in the Canadian woods, preparing to drive the invader from their homeland . . . Another ski expert turned up at Lake Placid Thursday. His name is "Kjel," but like Ola and Sigurd, he's an expert on skis as he demonstrated by winning a six mile cross country race over icy terrain by a five minute margin.

Sports Heroes

Kjel recently returned to Little Norway after seeing action in the air over Europe . . . We don't know how he got to the training base in the Canadian Rockies. But the chances are he'd have a thrilling story to tell. . . . Back home in the body at Little Norway have — of hair-breadth escapes from the Nazis, of drifting in tiny boats, hoping that they'd reach Britain or be picked up by a friendly ship before some missed venture would cause them to be reported at sea, of flights across the world to the Canadian rendezvous . . . Now their aim is to go back to Norway as free men to restore freedom to their country.

Service Dept.

A new basketball brochure from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station tells the post-basketball duties of the stars of the past two seasons . . . From the 1941-42 team that won 31 of 36 games: Frank Baumholz dribbled his way through ten successful runs to Mummsak, has made an outstanding performance in the African theater and now is in the Southeast Pacific . . . George Rung, "still playing guard in the North Atlantic league" . Jim Van Aradale, on the amphibious staff of the European theater. . . Ernie Andres, after service in Alaskan operations is training for the sub chaser command at Miami . John Lobsinger on duty in Alaska. Jim Currie, commands a sub chaser in North Atlantic. Bill Menke, flying navy PBY plane in South Pacific . . . Of last season's even more successful squad, Wilbur Schumacher and George Sobek have been assigned to sea duty in the Caribbean; Bob Cullinan is on submarine duty and Lee Huber in the amphibious command in the Pacific. Bob Davies has been assigned to the sub-chaser command in the North Atlantic and Bob Kinney, Gilbert Huffman, Ed Riske and Harold Hull have completed officers training school and are learning amphibious warfare.

Allied Forces In Pacific Are Confident

BY MORRIE LANDSBERG
Associated Press War Editor

Allied forces fighting in the Pacific entered the New Year today with confidence that the offensives laid out for 1944 would hasten the Japanese retreat along the road to Tokyo and unconditional surrender.

New Bases and new fighting strength backed up the determination of United Nations leaders to penetrate still deeper into the area of enemy defenses for its wargained empire.

In contrast, the Japanese showed increasing uneasiness over developments in the Pacific.

Admiral William F. Halsey, whose South Pacific forces virtually drove the Japanese out of the Solomons in 1943, keynoted the Allied spirit on the second of the New Year. Expressing assurance that 1944 "will be a year of great, decisive victories for the cause of Pacific freedom," he said at his headquarters:

"We can promise for the coming months so many staggering blows against the enemy in, so many places and from so many directions that his reluctant retreat will be dishonously quickened as he backs up the road toward Tokyo."

There was no hint as to whether the next phase of operations would be directed at the Marshall, islands, 300 miles north of the Anjer-icanowe Gilberts and steadily bombarded in recent weeks; at Japanese holdings into Bismarck Sea, menaced by U. S. Marines' conquest of Cape Gloucester, New Britain; or even possibly the enemy's powerful bases in the Carolina Islands including Truk.

Tokyo newspapers are telling the Japanese that "masses of planes, especially bombers, are being assembled Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, Nome, Kiska and Attu," suggesting a possible American thrust close the Japanese homeland.

It is 2932 miles from Dutch Harbor to Tokyo, but only 790 miles separate Attu and Paramushiro, strong Japanese base in the Northern Kurile islands. The Japanese newspapers also were quoted by the Berlin radio as reporting there are about 30 U. S. air bases in China that could be used for air strikes at Japan.

Further emphasis on the quiescent Northern Pacific front was made in Chungking by Sun Fo, president of China's legislative Yuan, expressing belief Germany would be defeated between spring and summer of this year.

Production of Some Civilian Goods Ordered

Washington, Jan. 1 —(AP)— Orders for the first important resumption of civilian goods manufactures since the war began were issued by the War Production Board today, with 2,000,000 electric irons and 50,000 bathtubs authorized for 1944 production.

The bathtub output will be restricted to use in war housing projects. The electric irons will move into normal trade channels for civilian purchase, and there is no present plan for rationing them. It will probably be May before the new irons reach dealers' shelves in volume.

The decision to resume manufacture of electric irons follows an announcement by the office of civilian requirements it would press for WPB approval of civilian goods manufactures where manpower and materials factors will not impede war production.

The orders authorizing 2,000,000 such irons were accompanied by an explanation the production schedules do not call for important amounts of steel, copper or other strategic metals, and the labor involved will not conflict seriously with recruitment for war industries.

The irons are of relatively simple construction, and the labor involved is chiefly semi-skilled assemblers. Elderly women unsuited to more exacting war tasks can handle iron assembly in available plants which are not required for critical war production, WPB said.

The planned 1944 production of electric irons will approximate 40 per cent of a normal year's manufacture.

WPB stressed today's action does not necessarily foreshadow any immediate general resumption of civilians goods manufacturing.

War industries will have first call on labor released by cutbacks in other munitions programs, WPB said, and only excess materials, facilities and manpower can be diverted to civilian output.

Ain't It The Truth!

"What have you done," Saint Peter asked, "That I should admit you here?"

"I ran a joke page," the editor said, "In my paper for one long year."

St. Peter pityingly shook his head and gravely touched a bell, "Come in, poor thing, select a harp — you've had your share of Hell."

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.—Psalm 19:1.

See the Birdie

No bird of Paradise was ever as handsomely be-feathered as curvaceous Betty Hutton, when she's all dressed up for her impersonation of the late Texas Guinan in the new film, "Incendiary Blonde."

'The Sophisticated Lady' Is Glamour Girl of Base in Italy

By HAL BOYLE
An American Air Base in Italy, Dec. 20 (Delayed) —(AP)— No glamour girl is "The Sophisticated Lady." Despite her glamorous title, she is a pinktailed 825 Mitchell bomber, one of the stock horses of the medium bomber force in the Mediterranean.

In nine months of combat, she has flown 90 bombing missions and spent 320 hours in the air against the Axis, toting more than 188,000 pounds of bombs over enemy targets. Only once has she been forced to turn back because of engine trouble before reaching her objective.

"The Sophisticated Lady" never has been seriously wounded although she picked up flak or bullet holes on several numerous trips over Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and the Balkans. She still has one of her original tires.

Her first crew was finished its tour of duty and she is working in harness for a second crew. Lt. Jack M. Demoss, of Kansas City, flew her over from the states. Her present boss is Lt. Robert Olson, of Waterloo, Iowa.

Sometime ago Major John D. Cralg, combat cameraman, wrote a letter to a friend in the Adventures Club in Chicago, giving his philosophy on war. The major has led a life of action around the globe for years and he is free of the ill ideas as well as steeds.

He is what he wrote his friend: "I have thought of many strange reasons why men fight. I still cannot believe it is all hatred. I think much of it must come from a desire to better things for all people — a real uplifting desire just badly directed.

"War has an exciting side. I have experienced many new fears. When one is on the brink of a great and dangerous adventure, memories surge forward and the past becomes vivid and alive. He wishes that he had a greater appreciation for the best that he has had. I'm sorry for his harsh words; self fish wants, business and money are all forgotten and only living, understanding, and love are important."

Well-Known Hope Negro Succumbs

William P. Parker, 78, well-known Hope negro, died here yesterday. Funeral services and burial will be held here today. He had lived in Hope many years.

Juice Tenderizes Tough Steaks

Iowa City, Ia. —(AP)— There is a chance you have milkweed juice to thank for that last juicy steak you tasted.

Prof. Walter F. Loehwing of the University of Iowa botany department says that such juice is highly efficient in tenderizing tough beef from over-age cows.

Before the war, meat from old cows was treated with papaya and pineapple juice, Prof. Loehwing says. Curtailment of imports of those juices has created a 500,000 pounds of milkweed juice to be used annually, he added.

Legal Notice

ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual Meeting of the members of the Hope Federal Savings & Loan Association, Hope, Arkansas, will be held at 122 East Second Street, Hope, Arkansas, at 8o'clock p. m., January 11,1944.
E. S. Greening, Secretary.

1944 GREETINGS

May the New Year hold success for each of you.
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Until the war forced us to defend all those things that we hold sacred, Malco officials and co-workers devoted all of their time and talent to the presentation of entertainment. This we are still doing, but during the time our nation has been engaged in this conflict our first attention has been directed to the sale of **War Bonds** through the facilities of our theatres. This is our first job for the duration. In doing we hope to speed the day when all of our **co-workers,** and **every other mother's son** now fighting beside them, will return victorious.

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THE WEATHER
Arkansas: Cloudy, light rain in extreme northeast portion this afternoon; mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; little temperature change.

Russians On Pole Frontier

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Labor Looks at the New Year

Daniel J. Tobin to the Teamsters

The intelligent and well-edited International Teamster magazine comes to my desk every month, as to the desks of other American editors—for this AFL union not only believes in the power of publicity but has confidence that the average newsaper is fair-minded enough to print both sides of every controversy.

The January issue of the Teamster carries a New Year's message from President Daniel J. Tobin to his membership which is worth close reading as a labor appraisal of the national political scene. Here are some excerpts from Mr. Tobin:

"It is our judgment that William Green will be nominated by the Republican party, from what we glean in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and other Middle Western states . . .

"Dewey would be a tougher man for the Democrats to beat, in the state of New York than Willkie. Throughout the rest of the country Willkie is the better of the two campaigners. All of these rumors about a split in the Republican party are just so much hot air. The Republicans work as a unit when it comes to elections, especially if they are out of office.

"Women votes in the Republican party are much more enthusiastic than women voters in the Democratic party. With them it is a religion. Many of them are fanatics, but are entirely sincere . . ."

Analyzing the Democratic defeats in Kentucky and New York state, Mr. Tobin continues:

"There are certain elements in Kentucky amongst the working people who believe there could be no worse off under the Republican regime in that state than they have been under the Democratic regime that has prevailed for the past 40 years. Many thousands of workers did not consider it worth their while to go to the polls . . .

"In New York the result was a foregone conclusion . . . Some feeling existed between the rank and file of the membership of the American Federation of Labor and the American Labor Party (Star Editor's Note: American Labor Party is an allegedly radical group affiliated with the politico-labor workers).

"Although this party calls itself the American Labor Party, it is not known or heard of by any such name outside of Greater New York.

"It nominated a ticket and endorsed certain candidates without going as far as they could to consult with and try to get unified action with the other organizations of labor and their friends who are outside the American Labor Party. Such is there is Mr. Tobin's summary of the national political scene as he views it:

"There is always a period of uncertainty after a period of progress. The reaction will set in at the ending of the war. It has already made itself manifest in many states. We refer to the return to power of those who hate labor.

"It is better that labor should n o w who its friends and enemies are than to re-elect men whom they once elected and who played false to their pledges . . .

"If the party in power—whether it be big business or labor—goes too far it eventually strengthens the hands of those they unnecessarily persecute.

"This has been proven time and very clearly to us in the states that have passed, within the last year, extremely adverse legislation."

Pork Eaters Receive Bonus From OPA

Washington, Jan. 3 —(AP)— Porkeaters received a new war-ration bonus today from the Office of Price Administration.

OPA ruled again stamp No. 2 on No. 4 Ration Book is good for the purchase of five points worth of fresh pork and sausage until January 15. The stamp will not be good for buying smoked or cured pork.

The new stamp replaces, in point of purchasing power, the No. 1 spare stamp, which was good for five points in pork buying until yesterday.

OPA said validation of the new stamp was made necessary because of the larger number of hogs sent to market.

TAX BLANKS MAILED

Little Rock, Jan. 3 —(AP)— Internal Revenue Collector Roy F. Paschal today began mailing 1943 individual income and victory tax forms to approximately 30,000 Arkansas income taxpayers who filed for 1942.

Heavy Fighting for Canadians North of Ortona

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 3 —(AP)— Heavy fighting raged yesterday and today as Canadian troops have fought their way to within nine miles of Ortona, key range of the straight Adiratic port of Pescara, Allied headquarters announced today.

Rain, snow and high winds limited ground operations elsewhere in Italy to patrolling, but strong forces of medium bombers attack rail communications at Taggia, Ventimiglia and Arma Riva on the Italian Riviera yesterday, while other medium bombers attacked the rail yards at Terni, 49 miles northeast of Rome, causing explosions and fires.

An air communique said fighters and fighter bombers caused "widespread damage" in sweeps against motor transports and rolling stock on roads in the battle area.

Two allied aircraft were lost in the operations.

Thirty-eight snowbound German soldiers were killed in "the Apennines by Spitfires, Warhawks and Kittyhawks, the Allied communique tween Pescara and Avezano and near Chieti.

Sheets of flame burst from the Terni iron works and barracks following the attack there.

Bridges were believed to have been hit in the attacks along the coast east of Nice at Ventimiglia, Tuggia and Arma riva.

Enemy fighters were scored on a warehouse and a schooner at San Benedetto on the east coast, and the docks at Civitavecchia, northwest of Rome, and the railway yards at Anagni, 35 miles southeast of Rome, were plastered by medium bombers and fighters.

As an official Allied statement said the Germans were showing signs of exhaustion after nearly five divisions piece-meal into the battle of Italy, the Allied Fifth army gathered strength for a drive on Cassino and the road to Rome. British troops crossed the Sangro river, announced, made a new bold foray across the Garigliano river, penetrating to Castel Forte and then withdrawing.

The Germans "are waging a war of attrition, but the attrition has a behavior on their side," said an official review of the fighting in Italy. "Some German divisions have suffered such heavy casualties, sometimes up to 50 percent, that they have been unable to stay in

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Keeping Up With Ration Coupons

Processed and Canned Foods:
December 1 — First day for green stamps D, E and F in Ration Book 4.
January 20 — Last day for green stamps D, E and F in Ration Book 4.

Meat, Cheese, Butter and Fats:
December 19 — First day for brown stamp G in Book 3.
December 26 — First day for brown stamp H in Book 3.
January 1—Last day for brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q in Book 3.
January 2—First day for brown stamp S in Book 3.

Shoes:
Book 16 — First day for stamp 18, Book 1. Valid when used.
November 1—First day for Airplane stamp 1, Book 3. Valid when used.

Sugar:
November 1 — First day for sugar stamp No. 29 in Ration Book 4. Good for five pounds.
November 15 — First day for sugar stamp No. 29, Book 4.

Gasoline:
November 22 — First day for No. 9 coupons in A ration book, good for three gallons; B1 and C1 coupons are good for two gallons each.
January 21 — Last day for No. 9 coupons in A Ration Book.

Yank Seizure of Saidor Imperils Jap Sea Routes

—War in Pacific

BY MORRIE LANDSBERG
Associated Press War Editor

American landings at Saidor on the jungle-lined north coast of New Guinea pointed a serious threat today at Japanese security along the sea lanes leading to enemy island fortresses that stand between the advancing Allies and the Philippines.

Midwestern units of the 32nd Infantry Division landed without opposition at three Saidor beaches at dawn Sunday and quickly overcame slight resistance which developed after the veterans of earlier New Guinea campaigns had dug in around the captured airfield.

"The harbor and airfields are in our firm grasp," said the communique issued by General MacArthur's third blow at the Japanese in 48 days.

A fighting with the Japanese was in prospect, however, for the land holdings placed the American Sixth Army troops only 55 miles southeast of Madang, big enemy air and supply base on Astrolabe Bay.

The landings, carried out with the support of heavy naval and air bombardments, threatened to isolate a considerable number of Japanese who have been fulling back for weeks under prodding by Australian forces. One Aussie unit has moved beyond Blucher Point, 30 miles north of Allied-held Finschhafen which in turn is 115 airline miles from Madang. Another force is moving up the Ramu valley is less than 35 miles from Madang, but a rugged mountain range separates it from the Saidor beachhead.

American marines on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, are advancing on 10-day old beachheads, while patrols made contact with the enemy south of the seized airdrome, and a Japanese barge attempting to sneak into Empress Bay was sunk. The count on enemy dead has gone up to 1,000 in the mark.

The Gloucester and Saidor operations gave the Allies a foothold on both sides of the Vitiaz straits that lead to Turk and other Japanese bases in the Caroline island to the north and to the Philippines to the northwest. First of the three recent thrusts was the Dec. 15 landing at Arawe, on the southwest coast of New Britain.

Evidence that Rabaul could no longer be counted on as a primary Japanese base to stem the Allied tide was seen in the destruction recorded by American planes in recent raids and disclosure of a new bomber base only 250 miles from the smashed bastion of New Britain.

Solomons-based planes have downed 129 and probably 140 fighters, by count of South Pacific headquarters, since Christmas Eve, the eight days ending last Thursday. Still heavier blows apparently lie ahead, disclosure of a new American field for light and medium bombers near Piva on the west-central coast of Bougainville. A fighter strip at Torokina has been in operation since Dec. 12.

Enemy positions on Bougainville itself shared attention with oftenbombed Rabaul. Liberators and Mitchells raided the Kieta airfield south end Friday. Kieta, on the east coast, came in for another bombing.

While the Allied campaign progressed in the southwest Pacific area, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declared in a New Year's statement the task of encircling the Japanese on the Asiatic mainland would be the main Chinese undertaking because, he said, "Japan will have to make the China theater her last line of defense where she will make her last, most stubborn stand."

China's president predicted 1944 would see "the beginning of the decisive stage" of the Pacific war, and disclosed President Roosevelt agreed with him at the Cairo conference "all Japanese militarists must be wiped out."

In Chungking, the cost of the bloody battle for China's "rice bowl" was assessed at nearly 10,000 men killed and wounded, which China acknowledged 54,000 casualties on her own side.

Banks Get Call

Washington, Jan. 3 —(AP)— The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Friday, December 31, 1943.

Little Rock Jan. 3 —(AP)— The War Department has notified E. B. Luke that his son, Lt. Harold W. Luke, who was listed last week as missing in action over Europe, is a prisoner of the Germans.

Today's War Map

An estimated 300,000 Nazis have been hurled toward Rumanian and Polish borders by the Red Army in a drive menaceing Zhitomir, and Berdechev. In the south the Russians stab toward Nikopol.

Only Ten Miles Away; German Lines Crumble

—Europe

By JAMES M. LONG
London, Jan. 3 —(AP)— Driving within 10 miles of the pre-war Polish border, advance Russian forces today captured Novograd Volynsk, first major obstacle between the Russian armies and the old frontier in the Ukraine region, Premier Joseph Stalin announced tonight.

The Russian drive toward Poland, thus became a race between two private armies of Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's army. The second column, farther north in the Korosten area, was reported earlier to have smashed into Poyaski, only 10 miles from old Poland.

Novograd Volynski railway station 40 miles southwest of Korosten and the Soviet capital, is about 70 west of Zhitomir, fell to "a decisive offensive of tank and infantry formations," Stalin said in the special order of the day, broadcast by Moscow.

Stalin termed the town "a large railway junction and important stronghold of German defenses."

Although the two columns thus were virtually within sight of Russia's pre-war western frontier, apparently Moscow view "Poland" as lying another 150 miles to the west — beginning at the jagged line which partitioned Poland after the swift 1939 German-Russian blitz in that country.

The Soviets have indicated that they consider this eastern part of the Ukraine never actually to be liberated.

Other units of the triumphant Russian forces' swept southwest, work toward Zamenka, rail junction 150 miles from old Rumanian border, and far into Rumanian Bessarabia.

Stalin reported that Russian troops have reached Ingulets, 15 miles west of Nevel, in a drive helping to end the siege of the German-held bastion of Vitebsk.

25 Slightly Hurt In Bus Accident

Pine Bluff, Jan. 3 —(AP)— Five persons received minor injuries Sunday when the twenty-five slightly injured late yesterday when a Missouri-Pacific bus left the Pine Bluff Little Rock highway.

Those in hospitals at Pine Bluff and Pine Bluff arsenal are: V. R. Harville, Hamburg, employee in the ordnance highway department; Ruth Hamilton, 20, Benton; Jean Bateman Walt, 23, Alexander; Private first class Jack Bateman, 20, two army privates, Lt. Lee and Roy Bateman, stationed at Camp Robinson.

The bus, carrying 45 passengers, jolted to a stop but did not overturn as it left the highway near Redfoot. 10 miles from Pine Bluff. State Police said a passenger participated to pass the vehicle, swerved in its path, and forced the bus onto the shoulder of the road.

Scientists estimate that the Siberia and Pacific coast mountain ranges are about 200,000,000 years old.

Blast Sinks U.S. Destroyer off New Jersey

New York, Jan. 3 —(AP) — A United States destroyer sank in lower New York bay today after an explosion of undetermined origin which shook many sections of the metropolitan area and killed two thousands before dawn.

There were at least 163 known survivors, including 160 injured. Fifty-four of them, many with third degree burns, were at the Navy hospital at Fort Hancock, N. J.

There was no immediate comment regarding loss of life. The wartime complement of a destroyer, depending on the type, numbers from 150 to 300 men.

The explosion, which occurred at 6:18 a. m. (EWT), as the ship, which anchored three hours earlier six miles northeast of Sandy Hook, N. J., was preparing to move, was so terrific, the navy said, that men were blown overslides.

A few minutes before the navy's official announcement, an office at Fort Hancock, N. J., told reporters at police headquarters by telephone at least 113 men were injured.

The third naval district issued this statement:

"In excess of 100 survivors already have been landed.

"The sinking was outside the anchorage area. It is believed that there are no obstructions to seagoing traffic. Arrangements for salvage operations are proceeding."

At police headquarters it was learned 54 survivors were at Fort Hancock hospital. Ten ambulances carrying 59 others were on their way to the hospital from a pier at Fort Hancock.

The destroyer stationed at Staten island sent 20 blood plasma units to the scene of the explosion.

The complement of a destroyer ranges from about 125 to 175 men.

An earlier Russian communique told of tremendous stores of Nazi war material being abandoned, and of more than 4,000 Germans killed yesterday on the Ukrainian front alone.

Prison cages behind Russian lines were filled to overflowing with "long columns" of German prisoners, underfed and grey from privations, and "exhausted and half-frostbite," a Moscow broadcast said in emphasizing the desperate plight of the German armies.

(The Moscoe radio, in a broadcast monitored by the Federal Communications Commission, quoted Stalin's order of the day as saying the German army general staff, headed by Gen. Alfred Jodl, Adolf Hitler's personal military adviser, had arrived in Ukrainian Nikopol headquarters on the Russian front.

(Jodl, the broadcast said, had been given "a report" by Hitler, including authority to remove any army commanders from their posts.)

The rampaging Soviet forces also were reported advancing today in the north in White Russia. There the first Baltic army was said to be less than 45 miles from Latvia after storming 40 villages and killing 2,500 Nazis near the town of Nevel, in a drive to help the siege of the German-held bastion of Vitebsk.

Says Berlin Is Huge Mass of Flame, Ruins

London, Jan. 3 —(AP)—Berlin, "the RAF's first target for 1944, was virtually wiped out on the New Year given its second seething bath of fire by British airmen who delivered their 10th great blow against the charred capital.

The seventh attack came while fires still were burning from a 1½ hour of incendiary assault that was made early Sunday and while German rescue workers still were digging out bodies and injured from the first.

In air ministry, describing today's attack as "heavy," said 28 aircraft were lost in the Berlin raid. Mosquito stabs in western Germany and Northern France and mineslaying operations in enemy waters.

The RAF's second 1,000ton assault in less than 24 hours on the crumbling capital was made after the big bombers fought their way through the stiffest fighter and antiaircraft resistance encountered in "practically" the entire war, it was said.

"The flak was so thick we could have stuck our wheels down and ridden on it," was the way Flight Sgt. Ali Sherman of Toronto described the heavy anti-aircraft fire thrown up by ground defenses.

"Two large concentrations of fires were left roaring in the city, the announcing said, and Swedish dispatches declared the tortured German capital had had its worst night since the "destroy Berlin" campaign began Nov. 18.

At the same time the Vichy radio said the suburbs of Nice in southern France had been attacked by British or American planes. "The broadcast gave no date for the attack, but were dry.

About 21 hours elapsed between the two attacks on Berlin, but Swedish correspondents said the menace of delayed action bombs had kept residents of the city in shelters until 3 p. m. yesterday and less than eight hours later the sirens were shrieking again. The main blow fell several hours later however.

Swedish reports said Hitler's luxurious new chancellery on the Wilhelmplat was one of the places hit in the aerial hearing which struck first at the outlying industrial areas and then worked to the official and residential areas in the heart of the capital.

It was regarded as extremely doubtful that Hitler was near to witness the damage, however, and the dispatches did not say how badly the building was wrecked. The Tempelhof airdrome area was re